

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing of content data ~~[[to]]~~ at a client, comprising:

~~receiving transmitting~~ a selection of content data ~~to a server from the client;~~
~~generating receiving, from the server,~~ a file comprising license information and a locator for the content data, wherein the license information indicates a license status enabling the client to access the content data, wherein the license status indicates available content usage, wherein the available content usage indicates an amount of the content available to the client according to a scope of a license;

~~sending of the file to the client; and~~
receiving selection of the content data;
determining whether the available content usage in the license status indicates that access to the content data is permitted;
providing access to the content data in response to determining that the available content usage permits access;
~~decrementing -synchronizing with local license related data on the client indicating an updated license status comprising~~ the available content usage included in the file sent to the client ~~reduced, at the client,~~ by an amount of actual client usage of the content data at the client in response to providing access to the content data; ~~following the sending of the file to the client and before the synchronizing.~~

2-15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the generated file comprises an XML file having a defined DTD format.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
~~receiving~~ sending, by the client, to the server a request to renew the license ~~from the~~
~~client~~ and make payment for the renewal in response to the client determining that the available
content usage in the updated license status indicates that the license has expired.

18-39. (Canceled)

40. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
permitting access to the content data in response to determining that the available content
usage in the license status indicates that the license has expired;
tracking content usage in response to determining that the available content usage
indicates that the license has expired and permitting access to the content data after the license
has expired;
synchronizing with the server to transmit the tracked ~~during synchronization, determining~~
~~the~~ amount of usage of the content data at the client after the license status is expired at the
client;
~~receiving~~ providing payment for the amount of usage of the content data after the license
status is expired, ~~wherein the synchronizing with the local license related data comprises~~
~~renewing the local license related data to allow continued use of the content data in response to~~
~~receiving the payment for the amount of usage.~~

41-44. (Canceled)

45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the available content
usage indicates a fixed number of allowed play, wherein the license status is expired after the
content is rendered the fixed number of allowed playbacks.

46. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the available content
usage indicates a duration of the content playback.

47. (Currently Amended) A ~~server-system client~~ in communication with a server ~~client to access~~ provide the client content data, wherein the ~~server-system client~~ includes a computer is programmed to perform operations, the operations comprising:

~~receiving~~ transmitting a selection of content data to a server from the client;

~~generating~~ receiving, from the server, a file comprising license information and a locator for the content data, wherein the license information indicates a license status enabling the client to access the content data, wherein the license status indicates available content usage, wherein the available content usage indicates an amount of the content available to the client according to a scope of a license;

~~sending of the file to the client; and~~

receiving selection of the content data;

determining whether the available content usage in the license status indicates that access to the content data is permitted;

providing access to the content data in response to determining that the available content usage permits access; and

~~synchronizing with local license related data on the client indicating an updated license status comprising decrementing the available content usage included in the file sent to the client reduced, at the client, by an amount of actual client usage of the content data at the client in response to providing access to the content data following the sending of the file to the client and before the synchronizing.~~

48. (Cancelled)

49. (Currently Amended) The client server of claim 47, wherein the generated file comprises an XML file having a defined DTD format.

50. (Currently Amended) The ~~server client~~ of claim 47, wherein the operations further comprise:

~~receiving~~ sending, by the client, to the server a request to renew the license ~~from the~~ client and make payment for the renewal in response to the client determining that the available content usage in the updated license status indicates that the license has expired.

51. (Canceled)

52. (Currently Amended) The ~~server~~ client of claim 47, wherein the operations further comprise:

permitting access to the content data in response to determining that the available content usage in the license status indicates that the license has expired;

tracking content usage in response to determining that the available content usage indicates that the license has expired and permitting access to the content data after the license has expired;

synchronizing with the server to transmit the tracked ~~during synchronization, determining~~ the amount of usage of the content data at the client after the license status is expired at the client; and

~~receiving~~ providing payment for the amount of usage of the content data after the license status is expired, ~~wherein the synchronizing with the local license related data comprises renewing the local license related data to allow continued use of the content data in response to receiving the payment for the amount of usage.~~

53. (Currently Amended) The ~~server~~ client of claim 47, wherein the available content usage indicates a fixed number of allowed play, wherein the license status is expired after the content is rendered the fixed number of allowed playbacks.

54. (Currently Amended) The ~~server~~ client of claim 47, wherein the available content usage indicates a duration of the content playback.

55. (Currently Amended) A digital storage medium including a computer program executed at a client to access ~~to provide~~ content data and communicate with a server ~~to a client~~, wherein the computer program is capable of causing the server to perform operations comprising:

~~receiving~~ transmitting a selection of content data to the server from the client;
generating ~~receiving, from the server,~~ a file comprising license information and a locator for the content data, wherein the license information indicates a license status enabling the client

to access the content data, wherein the license status indicates available content usage, wherein the available content usage indicates an amount of the content available to the client according to a scope of a license;

~~sending of the file to the client; and~~

~~receiving selection of the content data;~~

~~determining whether the available content usage in the license status indicates that access to the content data is permitted;~~

~~providing access to the content data in response to determining that the available content usage permits access;~~

~~decrementing -synchronizing with local license related data on the client indicating an updated license status comprising the available content usage included in the file sent to the client reduced, at the client, by an amount of actual client usage of the content data at the client in response to providing access to the content data following the sending of the file to the client and before the synchronizing.~~

56. (Canceled)

57. (Previously Presented) The digital storage medium of claim 55, wherein the generated file comprises an XML file having a defined DTD format.

58. (Currently Amended) The digital storage medium of claim 55, wherein the operations further comprise:

~~receiving sending, by the client, to the server~~ a request to renew the license from the client and make payment for the renewal in response to the client determining that the available content usage in the updated license status indicates that the license has expired.

59. (Canceled)

60. (Currently Amended) The digital storage medium of claim 55, wherein the operations further comprise:

permitting access to the content data in response to determining that the available content usage in the license status indicates that the license has expired;

tracking content usage in response to determining that the available content usage indicates that the license has expired and permitting access to the content data after the license has expired;

synchronizing with the server to transmit the tracked ~~during synchronization, determining~~ the amount of usage of the content data at the client after the license status is expired at the client; and

receiving providing payment for the amount of usage of the content data after the license status is expired, ~~wherein the synchronizing with the local license related data comprises renewing the local license related data to allow continued use of the content data in response to receiving the payment for the amount of usage.~~

61. (Previously Presented) The digital storage medium of claim 55, wherein the available content usage indicates a fixed number of allowed play, wherein the license status is expired after the content is rendered the fixed number of allowed playbacks.

62. (Previously Presented) The digital storage medium of claim 55, wherein the available content usage indicates a duration of the content playback.

63. (New) The method of claim 40, wherein access to the content data in response to determining that the available content usage in the license status indicates that the license has expired is permitted in response to the client not being able to connect to the server, and wherein the synchronization occurs when the client is able to reconnect to the server.

64. (New) The method of claim 40, further comprising:
determining whether the file permits the user to continue to use the content data after the license has expired, wherein the operations of permitting access to the content data in response to determining that the license has expired and tracking content usage is performed in response to determining that the file permits the user to continue to use the content data after the license has expired.

65. (New) The client of claim 52, wherein access to the content data in response to determining that the available content usage in the license status indicates that the license has expired is permitted in response to the client not being able to connect to the server, and wherein the synchronization occurs when the client is able to reconnect to the server.

66. (New) The client of claim 52, wherein the operations further comprise:
determining whether the file permits the user to continue to use the content data after the license has expired, wherein the operations of permitting access to the content data in response to determining that the license has expired and tracking content usage is performed in response to determining that the file permits the user to continue to use the content data after the license has expired.

67. (New) The digital storage medium of claim 60, wherein access to the content data in response to determining that the available content usage in the license status indicates that the license has expired is permitted in response to the client not being able to connect to the server, and wherein the synchronization occurs when the client is able to reconnect to the server.

68. (New) The digital storage medium of claim 60, wherein the operations further comprise:
determining whether the file permits the user to continue to use the content data after the license has expired, wherein the operations of permitting access to the content data in response to determining that the license has expired and tracking content usage is performed in response to determining that the file permits the user to continue to use the content data after the license has expired.